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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 14, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 14, 2003. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, the instant Amendment and Response is being filed. A petition for the appropriate extension to time to respond is included herewith.

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